certificate issued by one of the authorities/persons authorised in this regard under the Pension Payment Instructions including responsible Government officers, head of the village Panchayat etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All pensioners sign such certificates with their Pension Disbursing Authorities. Thus, there is no discrimination.

Naming of Uttaranchal as Uttarakhand

†17. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the people of Uttaranchal have been making a demand since the very inception of the State to change the name of the State as Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether State Government has sent any such proposal to the Centre; and

(c) the dates of sending such proposals by State Government and by when the Government are likely to take action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) In April 2002 and June 2004, the Government of Uttaranchal forwarded proposals to change the name of the State from Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand. It is not possible to indicate at this stage the exact time frame within which the Government would take the action.

Social-economic development in Naxal-affected areas

18. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had convened a meeting of top officers of naxal-affected States on the 5th August, 2004 on the security and socio-economic development in the naxal-affected areas;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.